

## Updates on the Afghan Family Sponsorship (Noori Family) September 2024



It has been 5 months (April 2024) since the Noori family arrived from India. By God's miraculous providence as well as the help of numerous brothers and sisters from MCCC, Toronto CCC and the Afghan Church of GTA, the family moved into a condominium in North York within a month upon arrival in Canada.

1) The family is adjusting well to living in Toronto. The Afghan Church of GTA gave the family rides to attend Sunday worship in North York. Mom, Fatima, reunited with Christian Afghan friends when they were all refugees in India. Enram, the elder son, started middle school in June. Both Enram and younger brother Artin are now attending school in September. During the summer, Enram accepted the challenge to be a helper in Milliken's Children Day camp and even enjoyed being a "camper" at times. He has mastered taking public transportation to Milliken CCC. The family celebrated Artin's 4<sup>th</sup> birthday with us in July. The adults and kids had a lot of fun playing with the Noori boys. However, the chubby, energetic birthday boy Artin refused to put on his birthday hat!

2) Our God has been faithful in supplying the needs of this widow and orphans.

Many of you have prayed, donated your time as drivers, movers, teachers, as well as donated clothes, bedding, school and kitchen supplies, laptop, beds, bicycle and much more. Milliken CCC demonstrated our trust in God and miraculously raised \$6,000+ via food drive during Canada Day celebrations in support of this family. The Canada Day organizing team, together with the Afghan Welcome team felt much joy and encouragement from such positive feedback. We witnessed tremendous enthusiasm and unity from all three congregations. We

witnessed God's power in touching many of you to give gladly and generously. May we all remember God's promise: "He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward him for what he has done." (Proverbs 19:17 NIV)

We are grateful to our God to allow Milliken CCC to participate in His ministry and play a part in expanding His kingdom to people with different ethnic backgrounds. Your support goes beyond this family. May we all fervently pray for more people from Afghanistan and people of similar culture (people of Muslim background, Iranians etc.) to hear the gospel safely in GTA without prejudice and persecution. Please continue to pray for the following for the Noori family:

- 1) Language learning
- 2) Continued adjustment of living in Toronto
- 3) Work search for Fatima
- 4) Emotional, spiritual, and financial support now and especially after May 2025.
- 5) New place to stay after May 2025.

